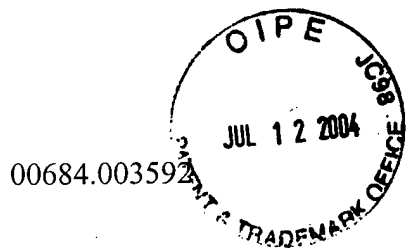


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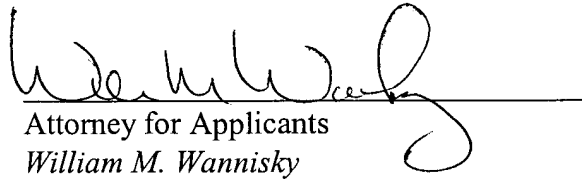
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In support of Applicants' claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, enclosed is a
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